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Westminster, February 28.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir *William Owles*, Kt. Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for Recruiting Her Majesty's Land Forces and Marines for the Service of the Year 1711.

An Act for securing the Freedom of Parliaments, by the farther qualifying the Members to sit in the House of Commons.

And to two Private Bills.

Dresden, February 11. *N. S.* Several Strangers are come hither to partake of the Diversions of the Carnival; and the Duke of Saxe-Weissensfels having been invited by his Majesty, arrived this Morning. The Marriage between the Hereditary Prince of Muscovy, and the Princess of Wolfembuttel being concluded, we hear the Prince has made that Lady a very valuable Present in Diamonds. It is said the Castle belonging to this City, which was some Years since destroy'd by Fire, will be speedily rebuilt by his Majesty's Order. They write from Warsaw, that Prince Wiesnowiski, heretofore Grand Marshal of the Army of Lithuania, having found means to get out of his Confinement, is escaped to the King of Sweden at Bender; whereupon the Muscovites have begun to lay his Territories waste, at which several of the Polish Nobility, who were well inclin'd to that Prince, are highly disgusted. They write from Copenhagen, that the Danes are making great Preparations, as if they had some considerable Enterprize in view, which it is thought will deter the Swedes from sending any large Reinforcements out of Schonen into Pomerania, especially since those Troops can't be exported but at a very great Expence. The late Duke of Courland, who died suddenly in his return from Petersbourg to Mittau, is to be Interr'd at the last of those Places. His Dutchess will reside for some time at Riga, where they are preparing her Apartments, and hanging them with Mourning against her Arrival. They write from Wilna, that the Muscovite Generals Czeremetof, and the Prince de Repuin, were on their March towards the Ukrain with a great Body of Troops, and were to be the 1st Instant at Minski. These Letters add, that the Great Marshal of Lithuania was set out from Wilna, in order to wait on his Czarish Majesty at Moscow.

Brussels, February 23. *N. S.* The business of the four hundred and fifty thousand Florins, which are wanting to compleat the Sum required for supplying the Imperial and Palatin Troops in these Countries with Bread and Forage 'till the opening of the Campaign, meets still with Difficulties as to the manner of levying it. An Express is arriv'd here from Holland to the Council of State, with a Proposal concerning that Matter. The States General are willing to agree to an augmentation of the Duties on all sorts of Brandy imported from France, and the United Provinces, into the Spanish Netherlands, provided all Spirits distilled in these Countries be charged with the like Duties; and that the Dutch have leave to carry those Liquors from Holland to Lille, and the other Frontier Places, without paying any other Custom than two and a half per Cent. for their Passage through the great Towns. The Council of State have taken this Proposal into Consideration; and, upon examining it, apprehend that it may prove very prejudicial to his Catholick Majesty's Revenues of the Customs, and therefore have resolved to send back the Courier with their Objections to it. Commissions are dispatching for a Regiment of Foot, which is to be raised and commanded by Count Maldeghem; and the States of Brabant are to meet here the 11th of next Month, in order to grant an extraordinary Subsidy for that Service; as likewise for defraying the Charge of Winter Quarters for the Troops lodged in this Province. Preparations are making at Namur for the Reception of the late Duke of Bavaria. It is said, that he and his Brother have renew'd their Alliance with France for a longer term of Years; and they give out, that all the Troops of those two Princes are to be recruited and remounted, and serve the next Campaign; but as they have hitherto received more in fine Words than Performances from the French Court, it appears doubtful whether those Regiments can be put in a Condition for want of Mony: Neither is it much more to be depended on, what has been reported, as if the late Elector of Bavaria was to Command an Army of twenty, or twenty five thousand Men on the Meuse. The French make great Efforts to have their Forces recruited, and their Magazines in a readiness for an early Campaign, and the Country is in a continual Motion, with a show of carrying great quantities of Forage, Ammunition and Warlike Stores from Garrison to Garrison. The Officers on the Frontiers are gone into France, to seek their Recruits according to the Distribution the King has made among the several Districts and Parishes. The soonest they propose to return is by the beginning of April, if they find their Recruits ready; but the best Advices say, that Men, as well as Mony, are grown extremely scarce throughout France, and that neither the one nor the other are to be raised without the greatest Rigour and Difficulty imaginable. Monsieur de Bernieres, the Intendant, does all he can by fair Promises to encourage the Officers with hopes of Mony; but upon a Distribution lately made to some Regiments of Necessaries, he has been forced to be responsible to the Merchants in his own Name for the Payment of 'em. The Marshal de Villars is visiting the Frontier Garrisons. We are told, that he was to begin his Visitation by Hesden, St. Omer, and the other Towns towards the Sea Coasts, and return by the way of Arras, Cambray and Valenciennes. He is expected at Arras about the 24th Instant. The late great Floods have ruined several new Works that were making at that Place, carrying away the Palisadoes, and destroying the Fortifications to that degree, that they will scarcely be repaired in two Months. The Enemy talk much of having a considerable Body of Foot encamped near that

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